

Chinese New Year



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Where Is China?

- China is in northeast Asia.
- The capital city of China is Beijing.



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When Is Chinese New Year?

Chinese New Year doesn't happen 1st January.

This is because the date of Chinese New Year is worked out according to the first day of the Chinese lunar calendar, which depends on the movements of the Sun and the Moon.

The celebration always falls somewhere between 21st January and the 19th February, meaning it won't always be on the same date every year.



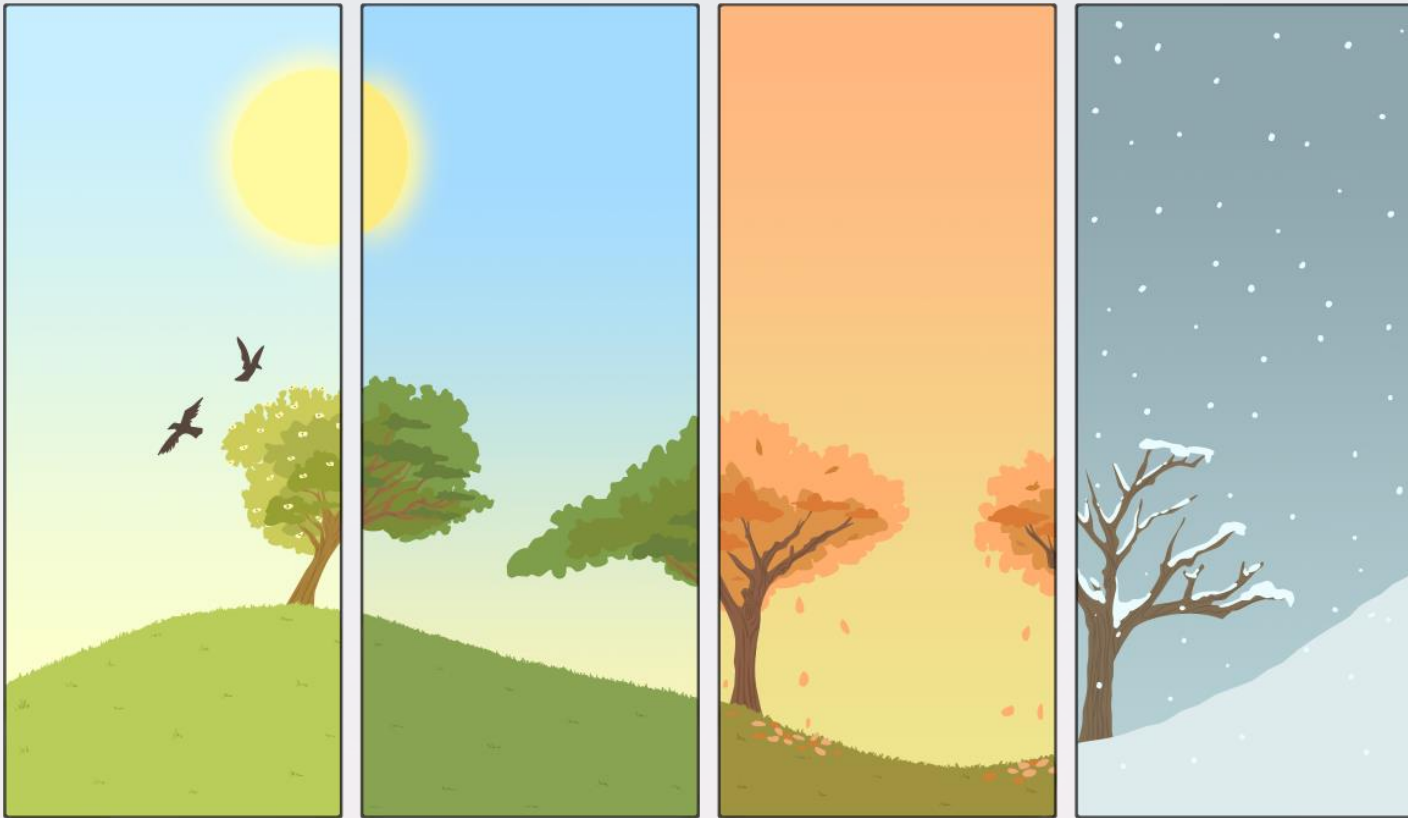
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Why Is It Celebrated?

It marks the end of winter and the beginning of spring. It is also known as the Spring Festival because of this.



New Year's Eve

This is a very special night when families gather together and have a large, traditional feast of fish and chicken.

Traditionally, people in northern provinces of China eat jiaozi
– a steamed dumpling.

In the south, people traditionally eat nian gao
– a sticky sweet rice pudding.



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New Year's Day

Children wake up to find red envelopes filled with money and sweets under their pillow.



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Every family member starts the day with brand new clothes from head to toe. Red is a very popular colour for clothing as it is considered lucky.

Celebrations Continue

Family and friends celebrate long after Chinese New Year's Day.

Day 2: It is believed to be the birthday of all dogs so dogs are fed special foods.

Day 3: People visit the Temple of Wealth and have their futures told.

Day 4: People go back to work and many businesses have department dinners or social events for their employees.

Day 15

The 15th day is also known as the Lantern Festival. Lanterns of various shapes, sizes and colours can be seen in homes, shopping centres, streets and parks.



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Riddles are hung from the lanterns. If you can solve one, you may win a prize from the owner.

Day 15

There are also dragon and lion dancing parades in the streets and firework displays.



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Families walk the streets carrying lit lanterns. Candles are lit outside homes to guide wayward spirits home.

Year of the Ox

Your Characteristics

The ox came second in The Great Race against all the other animals so is quite highly regarded in Chinese culture. It was (and still is, in rural parts of China) a very important animal used in farming and symbolises hard work, honesty and simplicity. Those born under the year of the ox always take the time to think before acting and are not easily swayed in their decisions.

Oxes are said to be good matches for rats, monkeys and roosters.



Your Lucky..

Colours

blue

red

purple

Directions



north
south-east
south

Numbers

1

9

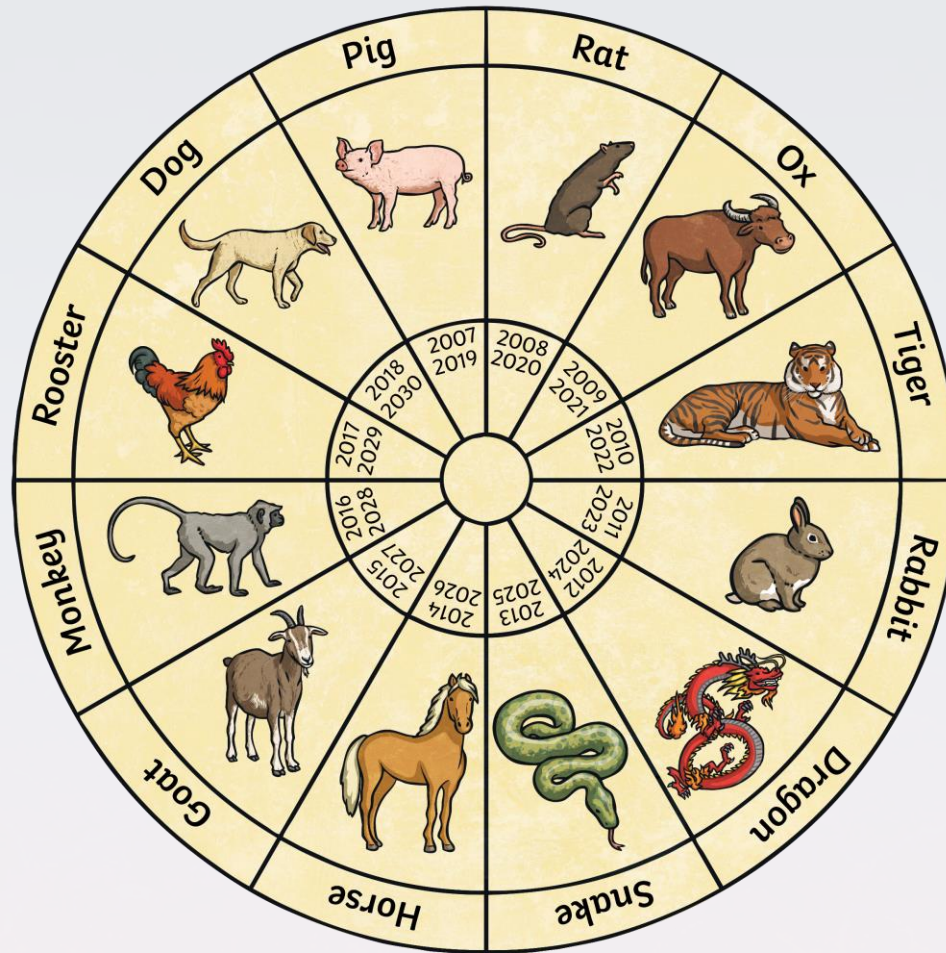
Years of the Ox

1913, 1925, 1937, 1949, 1961,
1973, 1985, 1997, 2009, 2021



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Chinese Zodiac



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